



# Voice of Our Alumni

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Nova Scotia Teachers  
College

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## President's Message

In lieu of a "President's Letter" this year, I'm going to provide you with updates on a few areas. I want to note that the following are offered as editorial comments and are rooted in my point of view.

### Newsletter

You'll have noticed that the newsletter is smaller again this year. That is due, in part, to finances, but also due to lack of information being passed to me to include. Since pages are printed 4 to a sheet, the size has to be reduced by sets of four pages - so, we're down another four pages this year.

### Reunion Itinerary

You'll notice when you read the minutes of the last several meetings that an amended format had been suggested for the Reunion. Most of those changes weren't seen as necessary or even positive changes when examined by the Full Council, so the Reunion itinerary you see for this year is very similar to what we've used in the past.

### Reunion Registration

We've decided not to run a Reunion that operates in a deficit. For that reason we were able to release the itinerary, pricing and registration form considerably earlier this year than in the past. We hoped that would help you in planning your summer and would help us determine if we had sufficient numbers to move forward and hold the Reunion. Unfortunately, although this information was released early, we have far fewer registrations to date, than we would have at this time. This is troubling. Registrations **MUST** come in over the next several weeks in order for us to make a timely decision about Reunion 2015 - so I strongly urge you to spread the word, get your registration in and encourage others to do the same!

### Constitution and By-law Changes

If you've been reading the minutes of Full Council and Annual Meetings, you'll have noticed a downward spiral in our Association's finances. There may be a basis to argue that this trend went on too long before it was addressed - if that's so, then so be it, we can't change the past. Over the last year the situation became critical. At last year's Annual Meeting it was explained to those present and opinions and suggestions were sought. The members present indicated that the Executive should endeavour to

make changes that would revive the Association, and that those changes should include increased membership fees and reunion fees that at least recover the cost of the reunion.

With that mandate behind us, the Full Council passed several motions in September which made the following changes:

- increased membership fees
- new (increased) reunion pricing
- elimination of mileage remuneration for council members attending meetings
- elimination of free attendance for council members and others

It is hoped that these changes will help to change the Association's financial situation and ensure continued existence of the Association.

### Virtual Museum

I'm sure you're familiar with the ongoing saga of the "Building Fund" more lately known as the "Virtual Museum Fund". This fund has been gathering for many years and now totals over \$50,000. It was started with a "seed donation" from Dr Jane Norman and then added to through donations from Alumni and others as well as various fundraising events. Almost two years ago a joint committee (Little White Schoolhouse Museum and Alumni Association) was formed to steer the development of an online "museum" that would contain images and descriptions of artifacts from PNC and NSTC.

This committee has made little headway. Upon considering the task at hand it was much larger than anticipated, the members had limited time, and less energy to take it on. As a result it looks like the materials held by the Alumni Association will be divided between the Little White Schoolhouse, which has agreed to take items that they can accommodate within the capacity of their smaller space, and the Colchester Historium which will likely take most of the remaining items. We are very grateful to both Museums. We know the items and documents will be catalogued, stored and cared for once they reach their destination. The Colchester Historium actively adds their physical collection to an online database of information and the Little White Schoolhouse has recently notified me that they may be able to digitize some material and make it available online as well.

### Nova Scotia Teachers College Foundation

This Foundation administers the scholarship funds

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### Of Interest:

- Reunion 2015 will be held August 14-16, 2015 in Truro. Plan to attend!
- We are online! See inside.
- Nominations sought for Secretary, Treasurer and several Area Reps. See page 11.



Prof. Tassel appears courtesy of Neil Fisher

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## Reunion 2014

### In Memoriam

*Always Remembered*

As a result of a number of factors, *In Memoriam* is not available for this newsletter. We're going to try to move this feature to the website in future where we'll be able to provide listings cumulatively and on an ongoing basis.



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For additional  
content and  
ongoing updates...

don't forget to check  
the website

[http://  
nsteacherscollege.ca](http://nsteacherscollege.ca)





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## Class Photos



Class Photos  
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## Alumni Association of NSTC 2015 EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

### Executive

President	Mr. Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall '85 (macdougall.ae@gmail.com)	31 Central Street Bedford NS B4A 2R2	835-6559
Vice-President	Ms. Margie MacIntyre '78 (mydogcaper@hotmail.com)	280 MacIntyre Mountain Road West Bay Road NS B0E 3A0	625-1361
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### Area Representatives

Cumberland- Colchester-East Hants	Faye Arnfast '87 (arnfast@eastlink.ca)	31 Martha Avenue Truro NS B2N 4V7	895-6630
Digby -Clare-Argyle- Yarmouth	Vacant		
Halifax Municipality	Vacated as of February 2015		
Inverness-Richmond	Mrs. Anne Marie LeBlanc '60	Belle Côte, NS B0E 1C0	235-2347
Kings -Annapolis	Maxine Bezanson '55	6332 HWY #1 Cambridge Station NS B0P 1G0	679-6615
Lunenburg -Hants West	Mrs. Roberta Macnab-James '47 (roberta@mailbug.com)	15 Holder Road Lunenburg NS B0J 2C0	634-8763
Northside-Victoria- Cape Breton	Vacant		
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Shelburne -Queens	Mrs. Margaret Dawe '58 (dawemargaret40@gmail.com)	90 Freemans Hill Road Sable River NS B0T 1V0	656-3276
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Out-of-Province - Quebec and Ontario	Darren Fancy, '86 (dfancy@sympatico.ca)	1208-55 Bloor Street East Toronto ON M4W 3W6	
Out-of-Province - West	Debby Belyea, '93	55 Staghorn Drive Thompson MB R8N 1G4	

### Little White Schoolhouse Museum Liaison

Mr. Eric Bent '55	3 Edward Street Truro NS B2N 3E2	895-4370
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## Following are Minutes of Executive Meetings, Full Council Meetings, the Annual Meeting of the ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF THE NOVA SCOTIA TEACHERS COLLEGE.

Minutes are in the order they occurred and all were recorded and submitted by Sue Kent, Secretary unless otherwise noted.

In the event of discrepancy between these minutes and the official copy held by the Secretary, the official copy shall prevail.

### Annual Meeting August 16, 2014

The Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association of the NSTC was held in the Conference Room of the Best Western Hotel Saturday August 16, 2014 at 9:00 AM. The president Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall called the meeting to order, and welcomed everyone to the reunion.

#### ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

It was moved by Helen MacDonald and seconded by Tom Bird to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

#### MINUTE OF SILENCE

A minute of silence was observed for the alumni members who have passed away since our last reunion.

#### APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Margaret Dawe and seconded by Rosella MacDonald to approve the minutes of the 2013 Annual Meeting as printed in the 2014 Voice of Our Alumni Newsletter. Motion carried.

#### CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence.

#### BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

None.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Robert Jordan reported that the total cash on hand for the year ending December 31, 2013 is as follows:

Investments	\$0.00
Current Account	\$6,325.00
Total cash on hand	\$6,325.00

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Helen MacDonald to adopt the financial report as presented. Motion carried.

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Margaret (Margie) MacIntyre that we grant Life Membership to those who have graduated 50 years ago or more, and to those who are receiving a Full Service Pension. Motion carried.

#### SECRETARY'S REPORT

Sue Kent reported that she recorded and wrote up the minutes of the Executive and Full Council Meetings. She thanked Robert Jordan for circulating the minutes, and for all the work he does not only at the time of

the reunion, but all year long. She also thanked Sandy MacDougall for the work he does helping to plan for the reunion, and the great job he does maintaining our web site. She also thanked Eric and Joan Bent for looking after the Silent Auction again this year. She also thanked the other members of the Council for the work they do to make the reunion a success. She said she had sent a letter to Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall congratulating him on being selected as one of only 5 educators from across North America to be a Discovery Educator Network Guru. It was moved by Sue Kent and seconded by Anne Marie LeBlanc to accept the secretary's report as presented. Motion carried.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS

##### MEMBERSHIP

Robert Jordan presented the following membership report. Membership paid for:

Year	Full	Life	10 Yr Full	10 Yr Life	Total
2005			2	2	4
2006			12	37	49
2007			6	17	23
2008			1	8	9
2009			5	6	11
2010			3	10	13
2011			1	10	11
2012	19	30	1	11	61
2013	11	51	1	7	70
2014	55	74	0	0	129
2015	2	11			13
Totals	87	166	32	108	393
Oct 2013	86	312	44	103	545

##### COMMUNICATION

Sandy MacDougall reported that the Newsletter and the Website are his main forms of communication. He said the website is viewed by people all over the world. He reported that the Facebook group has over 460 members. He said he cut back the number of pages in the Newsletter due to a lack of money. He thanked Robert Jordan for sending out the Newsletter. Many were sent on-line, and many were sent by mail.

##### PUBLICITY

No report

##### REUNION

Sandy MacDougall and Robert Jordan are the members of the reunion committee. Sandy reported that until a few years ago all the reunion activities took place at the college, then we had some of the activities at the college and some at the Glengarry / Best Western. This is the first year that all of the activities are taking place at the motel. Some reasons for the change are, the increased prices at the college. We had to pay insurance for the rooms we used. We also had to pay the commissioner and the janitor, also the banquet room is very hot.

##### NOMINATIONS

Helen MacDonald reported that some of the people whose positions are up for nomination have reoffered. We need nominations for the positions that are still vacant. Following are the results:

President—Sandy MacDougall  
Vice President—  
Area Representatives  
Cumberland-Colchester-East Hants—Faye Arnfast  
Digby-Clare-Argyle-Yarmouth—  
Halifax Municipality—Stephen MacDonald  
Kings Annapolis—Maxine Bezanson  
Northside - Victoria Cape Breton—  
Out-of-Province-Atlantic—

##### CONSTITUTION

There isn't any change to the constitution.

##### VIRTUAL MUSEUM

Sandy MacDougall reported that a large donation was made in the beginning by Dr. Jane Norman. This was to be put toward obtaining a building to store the artifacts from the NSTC. This has been added to over the years and has become known as the Building Fund. There is approximately \$50,000 in the fund. Some of that is being used for monthly storage fees. We can't register with CRA or write receipts, but the Little White Schoolhouse Museum can, thus they are in charge of the money. As you know this would not go far in purchasing a building. Last year Sandy suggested we create a Virtual Museum. This would mean putting pictures of the items we have on line. Our storage locker is full of items. Some of these items could move to the Colchester Museum or the Little White Schoolhouse Museum. The frieze from the NSTC has been stored in a number of places. Now, thanks to Sandy MacDougall and Jordan LeBlanc, curator of the Colchester Museum, it is at the Colchester Museum. There



is a lot of construction going on at the former Normal College Building. Some of the friezes should be going back into the building, but if this does not happen, it will remain in the Colchester Museum.

#### **NSTC TRUST FUND**

Sandy MacDougall, David White, and John Grant are on the Board of Directors. They look after selecting the names of the people who they feel should receive a scholarship. Two years there were no applications for scholarships. This year they selected 8 names for a scholarship and passed them on to the Department of Education. The Department wasn't processing the applications, so they checked to see why. They were told their term of office had expired. They submitted applications to be back on the board, and last week the board reinstated them. David and John have received their letters to confirm this, but Sandy hasn't received his yet.

Moved by Anne Marie LeBlanc and seconded by Helen MacDonald to accept the Committee Reports as presented. Motion carried.

#### **AREA REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS DIGBY-CLARE-ARGYLE-YARMOUTH**

No report.

#### **HALIFAX REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY**

No report.

#### **KINGS-ANNAPOLIS**

Maxine Bezanson reported that she put notices about the reunion in the local papers, and made many personal calls. She asked these people to pass the word along to people they knew. She put notices in the malls in the area. She called the RTO and had someone talk about the reunion at their meetings.

#### **CUMBERLAND-COLCHESTER-EAST-HANTS**

Faye Arnfast said she had nothing to report.

#### **PICTOU-ANTIGONISH-GUYSBOROUGH**

No report.

#### **INVERNESS-RICHMOND**

Anne Marie LeBlanc reported that she made contacts in Inverness County via the Inverness Branch of the Retired Teachers Organization, the Inverness County Newspaper, the Oran, the CHET TV, the CKJM Radio Station, the three Co-op's, the three Credit Unions, two pharmacies, the post office, and schools. She also made several phone calls and personal contacts and the Ports Hawkesbury Radio Station CIGO. She also contacted Elaine Burke, River Bourgeois, Richmond Co. Elaine made many contacts via newspapers, radio station, church bulletins, and local TV stations. Anne Marie thanked Elaine for her willingness to publicize our NSTC Reunion Weekend each year. .

#### **NORTHSIDE-VICTORIA-CAPE BRETON**

Rosella MacDonald reported that she mailed a letter with details about the reunion to the RTO Presidents in the Cape Breton area in early Spring. She said it is important to get this information out early so the RTO'S (Retired Teachers Organizations) will have this information to pass on at their AGM meetings ( Annual General Meetings) This information letter was sent to Judy Whalen, Northside Victoria, Reg Johnson, Glace Bay, Bernadette Hollohan, Sydney, and John Donovan, New Waterford. She attached a copy of this letter. With the permission of their RTO president, Jim Kavanaugh and with the assistance of Judy Whalen a information letter about our reunion was given to all the delegates who attended the RTO Annual Meeting in Halifax in May. She included a copy of this letter with her report. She thanked the executive and everyone who makes the effort to come to the NSTC Annual Reunion.

#### **LUNENBURG-HANTS WEST**

Sandy MacDougall reported for Roberta Macnab-James. As in previous years she sent notices to the local weekly newspapers, The Lighthouse Log and the Progress Bulletin. The local radio station CKBW, in Bridgewater, announced details about the reunion on its Community Bulletin Board. She spoke about the reunion at the Mahone Bay RTO luncheon in June. She hoped her personal contacts and phone calls would encourage people to attend the 2014 reunion.

#### **SHELburne-QUEENS**

Margaret Dawe reported that she made personal telephone calls to the 4's in her area. She had the NSTU reps. place notices in the schools. She attended RTO (Retired Teachers Organization) meetings in both Shelburne and Queens, where she spoke about the Reunion and encouraged people to attend. She had copies of the registration form for anyone interested. She placed notices in the local papers which ran for 3 weeks.

#### **OUT-OF-PROVINCE-ATLANTIC**

No report.

#### **OUT-OF-PROVINCE-QUEBEC/ONTARIO**

No report.

#### **OUT-OF-PROVINCE-WEST**

No report.

It was moved by Faye Arnfast and seconded by Emily Ross to accept the area representative's reports as presented. Motion carried.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

Sandy started his report by saying he wanted to talk about four different aspects of the NSTC Alumni. Namely:

1. Who is the Alumni Association?

2. What is the purpose and what do we do?
3. How did we get where we are?
4. Where do we go from here?

Part One - Who is the Alumni Association? - There are two aspects to this-

A. Membership may be made up of:

- Full Members (graduates, former students, and former faculty)
- Life Members (those receiving full service pension, or who graduated 50 years ago or more)
- Associate Members (spouses, etc.)
- Honorary Members

B. Membership is made up of:

- Very few faculty
- Very few from the CDS Program (Child Development Services Program)
- Very few from the last 20 years of operation (mid 70's onward)

Part Two—What is the purpose and what do we do?

- Keeping abreast of changes in education
- Renewing fellowship with associates and former classmates.
- To preserve the history of education

Part Three—How did we get where we are?

- Fewer people are attending the reunions, thus there is less money coming in.
- The reunions are getting to be more expensive.
- The Friday night reception is very expensive.
- Printing and postage for the Newsletter is becoming more expensive.
- Travel expenses for the Full Council Members who are attending meetings.
- Most of the reunions in the last 10 years have been in the red.
- Our registration fees and membership dues have remained the same for years.
- The honorarium we pay our treasurer for the many administrative services he does.

Part Four—Where do we go from here?

At our September Full Council Meeting we will look at ways we can cutback on expenses.

- We will look into raising membership dues and registration fees.
- Cutting back on travel expenses
- Maybe having a one day reunion
- Cutting out the Friday night reception.

## FINANCIAL FUTURE

1. This reunion and fiscal year 2014 should be ok.
2. It is questionable if we can produce the 2015 Newsletter.
3. Reunion 2015 cannot happen under our current financial situation.

Sandy said that the financial problems were mentioned at the meetings, but he really found out about the seriousness of the problem last Fall, when Robert Jordan had to cash in the GIC'S. He thought this might be the last reunion, but he hopes that we might be able to find ways to keep the reunions going.

It was moved by Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall and seconded by Helen MacDonald to accept the President's Report as presented. Motion carried.

## Comments:

Bernice MacLean said she would be willing to pay for the Newsletter.

It was moved by Margie MacIntyre and seconded by Sherry Marshall to give the Council Members permission to develop a plan to save the reunion, present it to the members for feedback by way of email and or Facebook, but leave the final decision to the Council Members whether to move forward or not. Motion carried.

By a show of hands the members present at the meeting were in favour of raising Registration Fees and Membership Dues. This was not a binding vote—just a showing of opinion to give the Council some indication of the direction they should move.

## APPOINTMENT OF AUDITORS

It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Helen MacDonald that we appoint Harold Barkhouse and Tom Acker as auditors for the year 2014 - 2015. Motion carried.

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Helen MacDonald conducted the election of officers. The results were as follows:

President—Sandy MacDougall  
Vice President—Margaret (Margie) MacIntyre  
Area Representatives  
Cumberland-Colchester-East Hants—Faye Arnfast '87  
Digby-Clare-Argyle-Yarmouth—Vacant  
Halifax Municipality—Stephen MacDonald '85  
Kings-Annapolis—Maxine Bezanson '55  
Northside-Victoria-Cape Breton—Vacant  
Out-of-Province-Atlantic—Vacant

## NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sandy MacDougall made the following announcements:

- There will be an Executive Meeting following the Annual Meeting.
- Class pictures will be taken in the hall

outside the meeting room at 11:30 AM.

- Lunch will be at the Best Western Glengarry Hotel (or on your own) from 12:30 to 1:30 PM.
- The banquet will be at the Best Western Glengarry. Reception 6:00 PM Dinner at 6:30 PM
- The church service will be at First Baptist Church Sunday morning at 10:00 AM.

Eric Bent made the following 2 announcements:

- Don't forget to drop by the Little
- White Schoolhouse to bid on your favourite Silent Auction items.
- If you bid on any items at the Silent Auction, please pick them up at the Little
- White Schoolhouse by 5:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 AM.

## Full Council Meeting

August 16, 2014

A short Full Council Meeting was held in the Conference Room of the Best Western Glengarry Hotel on Saturday August 16, 2014 at 11:00 AM. The President Sandy MacDougall conducted the meeting. Others present at the meeting were: Eric Bent, Anne Marie LeBlanc, Maxine Bezanson, Margaret Dawe, Rosella MacDonald, Helen MacDonald, Robert Jordan, Faye Arnfast, and Sue Kent.

## APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

It was moved by Rosella MacDonald and seconded by Anne Marie LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the October 26, 2013 Executive meeting as presented. Motion carried.

## SECRETARIAL HONORARIUM

Moved by Margaret Dawe and seconded by Maxine Bezanson that we pay Robert Jordan an Honorarium of \$3,000.00. Motion carried.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The dates for the 2015 Reunion will be August 14 - 16, 2015.

The next Executive Meeting will be Saturday September 27, 2014 at 1:00 PM. at the home of Robert Jordan.

## ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:10 AM.

## Full Council Meeting

September 27, 2014

A Full Council Meeting of the NSTC Alumni Association was held at the home of Robert Jordan Saturday September 27, 2014. The meeting was conducted by the president Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall. Others present at the meeting were: Margaret (Margie) MacIntyre, Faye Arnfast, Rosella MacDonald, Helen MacDonald, Margaret Dawe, Robert Jordan, Anne Marie LeBlanc, Eric Bent, Maxine Bezanson, Roberta Macnab, and Sue Kent.

Sandy welcomed everyone to the meeting.

It was moved by Margaret Dawe and seconded by Maxine Bezanson to adopt the agenda as circulated. Motion carried.

It was moved by Faye Arnfast and seconded by Anne Marie LeBlanc to approve the minutes of the August 16, 2014 Full Council Meeting. Motion carried.

## TREASURER'S REPORT - REUNION

Robert Jordan reported that we made a profit of \$567.03 on the reunion. Since all the activities were held at the Best Western Hotel, we didn't have to pay for a janitor, insurance, security, equipment rental, or room space. This saved us a lot in expenses. It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Margaret Dawe to accept the treasurer's reunion report as presented. Motion carried.

## TREASURER'S REPORT - GENERAL

Robert Jordan gave the following treasurer's report for the period covering January 1, 2014 to September 27, 2014.

Total Revenue	\$9,142.46
Total Expenses	\$8,363.37
Net Income for the Period	\$11,147.75
Total Assets	\$7,104.09
Total Liabilities	\$3,928.73
Total Equity	\$0.00
Net Worth	\$3,175.36

Robert (Bob) Jordan has not taken his \$3,000. Secretarial Help Honorarium that we voted for him out yet. When that is taken out, we will be left with \$175.36.

It was moved by Robert Jordan, and seconded by Anne Marie LeBlanc to accept the general treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.

## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Robert Jordan reported we currently have 285 members paid in good standing. Of

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those we have:

- 25 Full Members who paid this year
- 124 Life Members who paid this year
- 33 Full Members who paid a 10 year membership in the past, and are still covered
- 108 Life Members who paid a 10 year membership in the past, and are still covered

In addition, there are 130 members who were paid for 2012 - 2013, but who have NOT renewed this year. We are still treating them as paid members for the purpose of contact. It was moved by Robert Jordan and seconded by Maxine Bezanson to accept the Membership Report as presented. Motion carried.

#### NEW BUSINESS

##### Constitution:

Sandy MacDougall sent letters to three groups of people concerning changes that need to be made to the constitution regarding travel expenses and complimentary tickets for the banquet. The three groups he sent the letters to are namely:

1. The class of 1955 Maxine Bezanson, Eva Landry, and Eric and Joan Bent
2. Our auditors Harold Barkhouse and Tom Acker
3. Full Council Members

Sandy asked for feedback to the suggestions he presented in the letter.

A - Following are the proposed changes to the current Constitution. Changes to the Constitution (with the exception of the By-Laws) have to be published in the newsletter as a Notice of Motion, and are then carried by a majority vote at the next Annual Meeting.

1. Article IV section II deals with Area Representatives and the area they cover.

Sandy mentioned that with 3 areas vacant the way we have them divided geographically may not be the best way to go. At the meeting, we discussed possible changes to the area they cover. We will discuss this further at another meeting, and come up with a suggestion to be presented to the members. We would have to present this to the members as a Notice of Motion.

ARTICLE IV SECTION II reads as follows:

An executive committee shall be elected, comprised of one representative from each of the following areas:

- Kings-Annapolis
- Digby-Clare-Argyle-Yarmouth
- Shelburne-Queens

- Lunenburg-Hants West
- Halifax Regional Municipality
- Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough
- Cumberland-Colchester-East Hants
- Northside Victoria-Cape Breton
- Inverness-Richmond
- Out of Province Atlantic
- Out of Province Quebec and Ontario
- Out of Province West

#### SUGGESTED CHANGES

We need to look at this method of populating the council. Thoughts and suggestions are welcome.

2. ARTICLE V SECTION III reads as follows:

For an Executive Council Meeting, six members shall constitute a quorum. For an Annual meeting a quorum shall be 40 paid members.

#### SUGGESTED CHANGES

For an Executive Council Meeting, six members shall constitute a quorum. For an Annual meeting a quorum shall be 20 paid members.

It was moved by Faye Arnfast and seconded by Helen MacDonald to reduce the number required for a quorum for an annual meeting from 40 to 20. Motion carried.

*NOTE: This change will be published in the annual newsletter as a Notice of Motion and will be put to the Annual Meeting in August 2015.*

B - Following are the proposed changes to the BY-LAWS:

1. BY-LAW 1 deals with membership fees. We discussed raising the annual membership fees, and discontinuing the 10 year membership. Sandy suggested the following increases in membership fees, as listed below.

CURRENT BY-LAW I Reads as follows:

##### 1. Membership Fees

The Association, through the Membership Committee, shall assess annual membership fees according to the following schedule:

- a) Full Member - Annual \$15.00
- b) Life Member - Annual \$10.00
- c) Associate Member - Annual \$7.00
- d) Full Member - 10 Year \$75.00
- e) Life Member - 10 Year \$50.00

#### SUGGESTED CHANGES

##### 1. (a) Membership Fees

The Association, through the Membership Committee, shall assess annual membership fees according to the following schedule:

- a) Full Member - Annual \$25.00

- b) Life Member - Annual \$20.00
- c) Associate Member - Annual \$17.00
- d) Full Member - 10 Year \$187.50
- e) Life Member - 10 Year \$150.00

It was moved by Margaret (Margie) MacIntyre and seconded by Margaret Dawe that By-Law I Membership Fees be changed to increase membership fees as detailed above, and that By-Law I be renumbered By-Law 1.a. Motion carried.

The Executive Council reserves the right to stop issuing 10 Year memberships at any time.

It was moved by Helen MacDonald and seconded by Faye Arnfast that By-Law 1 paragraph b. be added to Membership Fees giving the Executive Council the right to limit or stop the issuance of 10 Year memberships at any time.

#### SUGGESTED DUTIES OF THE AREA REPS

The Alumni Association of the Nova Scotia Teachers College has area representatives throughout the province and outside the province covering Atlantic (other than Nova Scotia), Quebec and Ontario, and West.

This document is intended to outline some duties and expectations of Area Representatives.

With the combining of school boards in the province, it should be noted that Area Representatives areas often cover more than one school board district.

#### By-Law 4

Area Representatives will:

- 1) Be elected from members residing in each of the designated areas by the Association at the Annual Meeting;
- 2) Represent all members residing in their designated areas in matters regarding the Association
- 3) Present an annual report at the Annual Meeting;
- 4) Attend all meetings of the Executive Council and Annual Meetings unless prevented by circumstances beyond their control;
- 5) Promote membership in the Association to graduates of the college;
- 6) Hold a yearly meeting of members in their designated area, if feasible.

How can By-Law 4 (5) be carried out to cover the most graduates?

Here are some suggestions, which may help you, but this list is not complete. You may have your own ideas as well!

- The Publicity Committee of the Council will send you information regarding membership and the Annual Reunion.
- Make use of free Public Service Announcements (PSA's) on a variety of radio and TV/Cable Stations.



- Contact local (weekly or daily) newspapers about running a PSA.
- Create a notice that can be posted in school staff rooms. You may have to go through the school principal to make this happen.
- Contact the NSTU local(s) and branches of the Retired Teachers Association in your area. Ask them to publish information in their local newsletter and/or make it available at a meeting of the local. Many of the locals and branches also have active websites, or make use of social media. Ask them to post the notice there. You might even request time to speak at a meeting.
- Use the Association website as a point of reference and source of information. Spread the word about our website located at [nsteacherscollege.ca](http://nsteacherscollege.ca).
- We also have a **FaceBook** presence. "Like us on **FaceBook** or post on the page or link to it from your **FaceBook** page - this will increase visibility of, and interest in, the Association. **Facebook:** [facebook.com/groups/nsteacherscollege/](https://facebook.com/groups/nsteacherscollege/).
- Make use of other social media (i.e., **Twitter**) to spread the word. **Twitter:** @NSTCALumni

The above suggestions are by no means exhaustive. In your area there may be other methods of communication that will assist you in spreading the word and increasing membership in the Association and attendance at reunions.

-Compiled by Allison Dalton '47 and revised by Sandy MacDougall '85

## 2. BY-LAW 5 reads as follows:

### Remuneration

(a) Members of the Executive and the Executive Council shall be paid a travel **allowance** for attendance at their meetings, such to be determined by the Executive.

(b) An annual honorarium, the amount to be determined by the Executive and approved by an Annual Meeting, shall be given to the person performing the duties of executive secretary of the Association.

### SUGGESTED CHANGES

- delete
- to be reviewed

It was moved by Margaret Dawe and seconded by Anne Marie LeBlanc that By-Law 5a be eliminated, which will remove mileage remuneration for Full Council members. Motion carried.

## 3. BY-LAW 8 (c) Reads as follows:

### Reunions

c) Complimentary tickets for Annual Reunion will be given to Executive Council, Registration Team, Chairpersons of Honoured years, Chairpersons of next year's Honoured Classes, Special Speaker, Web Master, Auditor, and graduates of 70 or more years.

### SUGGESTED CHANGES

c) Complimentary tickets for Annual Reunion will be given to:

- Association Founder (R. Jordan)
- Graduates of 70 years or more
- Honourary members

d) The guest speaker (when there is one) will receive a complimentary pass to the event at which they are speaking (i.e. Banquet, Breakfast, Lunch etc.)

It was moved by Faye Arnfast and seconded by Helen MacDonald that By-Law 8 paragraph c. be amended to alter the list of those who receive complimentary tickets to reunion functions include only the Association Founder (R. Jordan), Graduates of 70 years or more, and Honourary Members. Motion carried.

It was moved by Margie MacIntyre and seconded by Margaret Dawe that By-Law 8 paragraph d. be added as indicated above which provides for a compliment ticket to the event at which a Guest Speaker is speaking. Motion Carried.

## (d) REUNION FORMAT AUGUST 14 - 16, 2015

Sandy suggested the following format for Reunion 2015—Saturday

- 8:30 am Alumni Breakfast
- 9:15 am Greetings/Welcoming Opening/Announcements
- 9:30 am Keynote Speaker
- 10:00 am Annual Meeting
- 11:30 am Class Photos
- 12:30 - 1:30 pm Lunch
- 6:00 pm Social/Meet & greet
- 6:30 pm Dinner
- 8:00 pm Dance

Sandy said this is just a suggested format and certainly open to change.

Sandy suggested the following prices for the 2015 Reunion:

- \$88.00 Full Package
- \$72.00 Lunch and Dinner (no breakfast)
- \$75.00 Breakfast and Dinner (no lunch)
- \$58.00 Dinner only

It was suggested we have the opening as part of the Annual Meeting. It was suggested that the Keynote Speaker speak just before the banquet, or just before dessert.

Suggested names for the keynote speaker are:

- David MacKillop—Sandy will contact
- Dorothy Walker—Maxine Bezanson will contact
- Margaret Swan

It is hoped that Friday night won't have to be cancelled, but covered by a class or classes perhaps the classes of '55 and '85. Sandy MacDougall thought something with a Cape Breton Theme would be interesting for Friday Night. Margie MacIntyre suggested a Cape Breton Kitchen Party.

Robert Jordan suggested we get a room Friday Night, and have a class do the entertainment and supply the food. Sandy thinks the fee for the room is already included in the proposed prices.

Robert Jordan mentioned the time capsule that was found in the ground around the Normal College, and mentioned in the Truro Daily News. Most of the items had deteriorated over the years.

Robert Jordan said he was dissatisfied with the bank charging a fee on more than 20 cheques a month. He is thinking of changing banks.

Margie MacIntyre said many graduates don't know the Alumni exists. She suggested we should put something in all RTO Bulletins and every Teacher Magazine, not just once a year.

Faye Arnfast suggested we put information about the Reunion in every issue of The Teacher.

The question came up as to what music we should have for the dance. Should we have a three piece band, a two piece band, or a DJ? Jim Aylward's Band was mentioned. Maxine Bezanson said she heard people say there was music for dancing Saturday night, but nothing for people who don't dance.

Sandy suggested we should have more fun activities for Saturday. Including some that would bring in money for the Alumni. We have the Silent Auction, but that money goes to the Little White Schoolhouse.

We have a meeting set for Saturday April 25, 2015.

Sandy adjourned the meeting at 2:30 pm.

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## ◆ ◆ Reunion 2015 Tentative Agenda ◆ ◆

### Friday, August 14, 2015

Check-in at Best Western Glengarry Hotel, Truro  
6:00-8:00 pm - Reunion Registration at Best Western Glengarry Hotel

7:30 pm - Official Opening of Reunion 2015 with

#### Faculty Event

A chance to visit with faculty and staff from TC on Friday evening.

years at NSNC/NSTC.

8:30 pm - Cape Breton Kitchen Party! Cash Bar available.

#### Friday notes:

- The Best Western Glengarry Hotel has a special rate for Alumni Reunion weekend. More information on page 15.
- Cash bar available for Friday evening events.

### Saturday, August 15, 2015

7:00-8:30 am - Breakfast at Best Western Glengarry Hotel (or your choice—see note)

9:00 am - Annual Business Meeting

All day—Silent Auction—Don't forget to drop by and bid on your favourite items at the Little White Schoolhouse.

10:00 - Executive Meeting

11:30 am - Class photos (location TBA)

12:30 pm - Lunch

Afternoon - Time to wander around the NSCC campus, attend class meetings or activities, visit old haunts, shop, visit the old campus (downtown) or the Little White Schoolhouse Museum

6:00 pm - Reception and Social

6:30 pm - Dinner and Awards

8:30 pm - Institute Night/Coffee House/Tunes & Tankards - Depending on the time period you attended, one of these terms may roughly represent what you can expect on Saturday evening. If you have a talent you want to share, bring it along. Dance to Jim Aylward ('91) and

his band *Sweet Revenge*. This is bound to be an evening of fun for everyone!!

#### Saturday Notes:

- The afternoon is a great time to get together with friends and relax. If you need a space to meet, check with one of the Reunion organizers who will be glad to help.
- Cash bar is available for the Social, Dinner and into the evening.

### Sunday, August 16, 2015

Gather with friends for a leisurely breakfast at the Glengarry (or elsewhere) before departing Truro.

#### Breakfast on Saturday and Sunday:

For those staying at the Best Western Glengarry breakfast is included in your room price. For those staying elsewhere, you may purchase a breakfast voucher at the Best Western Glengarry front desk for \$10 (+ tax), or enjoy breakfast on your own at another location.



*As we get closer to the Reunion, please check the website for more details and final plans!!*

#### Important Notice regarding Banquet Tickets

Please be aware that Banquet tickets will NOT be available on site. Banquet tickets will only be available in advance by pre-registering.

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that remained when NSTC closed. We distribute application information to all the universities in Nova Scotia that offer B.Ed. programs. Unfortunately the response in the last several years has been very poor. There have been years with 15-18 applications and years with numbers in the single digits and even no applications some years. The Foundation will be meeting to discuss how to move forward. We'd be

happy to receive suggestions.

If you have any questions, suggestions or comments, please feel free to send them to me at [info@nsteacherscollege.ca](mailto:info@nsteacherscollege.ca)

Alexander (Sandy) MacDougall, '85  
President & Newsletter Editor

## Kitchen Ceilidh at the Reunion!

Friday night—after Guest Speaker

We're working to line up some fun entertainment! Bring your instrument, or your voice or your step dancing shoes!!

Watch the website for more information!

### Reunion 2015 Accommodations

**Davis Hall Residence (NSCC Campus)** - Rooms are very limited, if they are available at all. This year Alumni who wish to get a room in Davis Hall may contact the residence directly to arrange accommodation. Please call 893-5381 AFTER May 1 to book your room. Payment will be made on arrival at the residence in CASH ONLY. Room rates are not available at this time.

**Best Western Glengarry Hotel** - A block of rooms at the Best Western Glengarry Hotel has been reserved for Alumni. The cost is \$119.99 per room per night for one person or \$129.99 per night for two people (plus \$10/person for additional occupants) and requires advanced registration before July 14, 2015. Please book directly by calling 800-567-4276 or 902-893-4311. Hot breakfast is included with each night's stay.

### Best Western Glengarry



Special Reunion Weekend Rate

\$119.99 /night for 1 person

\$129.99 /night for 2 people

Full hot breakfast included.

Booking must be made by July 14, 2015

Quote "Alumni Reunion" to get the special price

Make reservations directly—all prices + tax

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## Nominations for Offices for Alumni Association of NSTC

The following will become vacant this year and nominations for these offices will be accepted from Alumni Members up to and including the Annual Meeting held in Truro on August 15, 2015. Those currently holding the position will be contacted to determine if they wish to be considered for another term. Term of office is two years:

#### Office

Secretary  
Treasurer

#### Area Representatives

Inverness-Richmond  
Lunenburg-Hants West  
Pictou-Antigonish-Guysborough  
Shelburns-Queens  
Out of Province—Quebec & Ontario  
Out of Province—West

You may use the form on the back of this page and mail written nominations to:

Nomination Committee  
Alumni Association of NSTC  
PO Box 25005  
Truro NS B2N 7B8

#### Area Representatives (to fill vacancies)

Digby-Clare-Argyle-Yarmouth  
Northside-Victoria Cape Breton  
Out of Province—Atlantic



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## 2014 Attendance Summary

### "Honoured Years"

Class of '94–0

Class of '84–4

Class of '74–2

Class of '64–41

Class of '54–10

Class of '44–2

## Reunion 2014 Awards

### Oldest Graduate

Marjorie Dowe, '42 & Angelé  
Vacon and Helen Miller, '44

### Furthest Traveled

Eleanor Greaves, '54  
Lorrie Ann Broderick, '84

### Class Attendance Award

Class of '64 (41 members)

## Reunion 2014 Guest Speaker

Alumni who attended the 2014 Reunion were very fortunate to have the opportunity to hear Canadian playwright, poet and actor, Walter Borden. Borden, originally from New Glasgow, was a graduate of NSTC in 1964. His address on Friday evening was an inspiration to everyone. He emphasized that we are all teachers, regardless of the career paths we finally choose. In addition he shared a number of very humorous stories of his time at TC. Thank you Walter!



## Notice of Motion

At the September 27, 2014 meeting of Full Council a motion was made which, in accordance with the Constitution, requires Notice of Motion and approval at the next Annual Meeting (August 2015).

ARTICLE V SECTION III currently reads as follows: "For an Executive Council Meeting, six members shall constitute a quorum. For an Annual meeting a quorum shall be 40 paid members." Faye Arnfast and seconded by Helen MacDonald to reduce the number required for a quorum for an annual meeting from 40 to 20. Motion carried.

On September 27, 2014 it was moved by Faye Arnfast and seconded by Helen MacDonald to reduce the number required for a quorum for an annual meeting from 40 to 20. Motion carried. This notice of motion has been duly published.

## Nomination Form

Offices and Area Representatives that become vacant this year are listed on the back of this form (see **page 15**). All positions are for a term of two years.

I hereby nominate \_\_\_\_\_ of the class of \_\_\_\_\_

for the Area Representative for \_\_\_\_\_

**or** Office of \_\_\_\_\_ for the term of office 2016.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

This form may be mailed to the address on **page 15** or passed to the Secretary up to, and including, the Annual Meeting on August 15, 2015.